

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 29, 2002 has been received, its contents carefully noted, and the applied citations thoroughly considered. All rejections are respectfully traversed by virtue of the foregoing revisions and ensuing remarks. Undersigned also acknowledges the courtesies extended by the Examiner in recent discussions. These remarks will generally follow the Office Action's sequence:


Undersigned gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's perception of patentability as it pertains to claims 44-50 and 61-64.

Modifications to the independent rejected claims have been made while being mindful of the Examiner's reasons for allowability commemorated in paragraph 10. Those features have been imported into the heretofore rejected independent claims which are now deemed to be similarly allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner pass this case to issue. If, upon further consideration, the Examiner believes further issues remain outstanding or new ones have been generated, undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner call undersigned to expeditiously resolve same.

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